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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6854

BILL NUMBER: HB 1249

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition Exemption for Purple Heart Recipients.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an Indiana resident who: (1) enters active duty service in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard after September 10, 2001; (2) receives the Purple Heart decoration; and (3) satisfies other criteria; is exempt from tuition and fees at state educational institutions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The impact would depend on the number of Indiana veterans who entered active service duty after September 10, 2001 and received a Purple Heart that apply for the tuition and fees exemption. The state currently provides the tuition and fees exemption to children of Purple Heart recipients. For FY 2006-2007, 265 students qualified and the average fee exemption was about \$3,363. Assuming the same average cost, the cost for every 100 people that might apply for the exemption would be about \$336,300.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Educational Institutions, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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